



LEGALLY SPEAKING

The Stark County Law Library Association

May 2001

Volume 22

Issue 5

Canton, Ohio

Happy Law Day!

Although Law Day is May first, Law Day activities around the country are continuing all month. If you have not already made plans to spread positive PR for the legal profession to our youth, take a look at the activities ABA has developed to do just that. Each activity features a topic related to the 2001 Law Day theme, "Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children," and is sure to spark a lively discussion.

Log on to <<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/nie.html>> for more information. Next, find an audience of young people. Schools, church groups, scout groups and teen centers are usually looking for good speakers!

On May 28th the Law Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.



Legally Speaking

is published by

The Stark County Law Library Association

110 Central Plaza South
Suite 401

Canton, OH 44702

Phone 330.451.7380

FAX 330.451.7381

director@starklawlibrary.org

<http://www.starklawlibrary.org>

2001 Law Day Online Quiz From ABA

Every year ABA develops a special online quiz on the Law Day theme. They make it a good teaching tool by giving important information on the answer page. If your firm has a web page, this site <<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/quiz01.html>> would be a good link to put on your home page this month!



Does an Illegitimate Child Have the Right to Maintain Action to Determine Paternity?

Are filiation statutes in the "best interest of our children?" Basically they are a way of securing the support and education of an illegitimate child and protecting society by preventing such a child from becoming a public charge.

The outcomes of cases addressing whether an illegitimate child may bring action for paternity in his or her own behalf are discussed in 86 ALR 5th 637.

Save The Date!

Technology & Legal
Research Seminar

Sponsored by the Stark
County Bar Association

Wednesday
June 27, 2001



Why Should Law Firms Have Web Sites?

Web sites have one big benefit, they are **non-intrusive**. A web site won't annoy your clients like a newsletter they might view as junk mail, and it's miles from the potentially annoying "in your face" nature of television advertising. But you have to let them know where the site is and entice them into visiting your site. Once they get there, you will have to give them a reason to return, or better yet, get them to "bookmark" your page.

Read the entire article at:
<http://www.netlawtools.com/marketing/mktg_benefits.html>.

Jerry Larson, the author of this article, is well qualified to be offering this advice. He is

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

the author of The Complete Internet Handbook for Lawyers (portions of which can be found at www.lawyernetbook.com). He was responsible for organizing and selecting the material for ABA's eLawyering web site <http://www.abanet.org/elawyering/home.htm> and co-hosts The Internet Roundtable, *A Continuing Discussion of Law Firm Marketing On the Internet* located at <http://www.llrx.com/resources6.htm>.

Ohio Offers Electronic Government Services

The Ohio government has started offering electronic services to its citizens on the Ohio.gov web site at <http://www.state.oh.us>.

At Ohio.gov you can:

1. Use OPLATES to renew your license plates
2. Renew your watercraft registration
3. Click on "Dolphin Project" to reach the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
4. Pay your taxes by credit card
5. Check on the status of your tax return
6. Check for unclaimed funds
7. Make state park reservations



This site is worth a look and a place on your website or client newsletter.

SPRING

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio News

Beginning July 1st, 2001, all new civil cases filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio will be placed in the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing CM/ECF system.

The new system provides unprecedented access to up-to-the-second docket sheets as well as to the documents themselves over the Internet through the Court's electronic filing web site. Another important feature of the new system is that it provides immediate e-mail notices to all counsel involved in a case whenever a document is filed.

The Northern District is a front runner in the area of electronic filing. Since Jan., 1996, over 500 attorneys have electronically filed over 178,000 documents.

After January 1, 2001 all documents, notices and orders in all social security reviews filed in this district have been filed and noticed electronically, rather than on paper.

For more information about the court's use of technology go to http://www.senseient.com/new_efile_links.htm.

Welcome! To Our Newest Member

Dora Wagner

Have you applied for membership?

Complete a **membership application** at the law library, or call us. We'll FAX or email you one. The **first year** of membership is **free!**



Meet Your Library Staff

"Oh for the days when Windows were things one washed, a mouse was a small furry rodent for which one set a trap, and Unix guarded the harem."
The Computer Geek's Lament

I am Nancy Stinson, not exactly a computer "geek", but I do spend most of my time at the Law Library sitting at my computer working on Legally Speaking, Info@starklawlibrary.com, our article for the Stark County Bar Journal, and our web site. I put books away in my spare time!

FormNet®

Last month we featured FedForms.gov, this month we offer you FormNET®. This site was designed to save you the time and expense of creating business documents. It has a large selection of forms that you can download and customize to meet your needs. It is located at http://www.entrepreneur.com/Home/HM_Static/1,1845,formnet_index,00.html.

eGovLinks: A Resource For Anyone Interested In Electronic Government

eGovLinks is a site to bookmark! Located at <http://www.egovlinks.com/index.html> it is unmatched in information density! The LLRX web site gives a very good description of the site.

"If you find yourself confused by some of the terms used, the site has a glossary available. If you find yourself wanting to learn more, there's a book list... If you find yourself wanting to talk about what you're seeing, there's a discussion forum administered through Yahoo."

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

eGovLinks is very similar to FirstGov but it links to the government agencies in many other countries as well as the U.S. It is not affiliated with any government agency, but is maintained by private citizens.

Some interesting sites and articles from eGovLinks are:

- * Electronic Authentication Policy at <<http://www.fms.treas.gov/eauth/index.html>>
- * "Cookies Persist On Federal Sites" by William Matthews at <<http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2001/0416/web-cookie-04-18-01.asp>>
- * "Courts Hear Online Records Debate" by Colleen O'Hara at <<http://fcw.com/fcw/articles/2001/0319/web-courts-03-19-01.asp>>
- * Under World e Government is the The Republic of China Links Page at <<http://peacock.tn.jc.edu.tw/ROC.HTML>>. It took forever to load, even with high-speed access, but it was worth the wait! It has links to a wide variety of information about China. (Who'd have thought that China has a Department of Consumer Protection!)
- * "@Court Toolkit Promotes e-Filing" by Colleen O'Hara at <<http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2001/0416/web-court-04-18-01.asp>>
- * Courtroom 21: A Court Technology Education and Demonstration Project at <<http://www.courtroom21.net/>>
- * FedStats at <<http://www.fedstats.gov/>> which even has a link to government agency's "Kids' Pages"

¹ Calishain, Tara. "The Latest on Legal Research: Lots O' E-Government." LLRX.com. 25 March 2001. Law Library Resource Xchange, LLC. 20 April 2001 <<http://www.llrx.com/buzz/buzz50.htm>>

Info@starklawlibrary.org

This month in the Stark County Bar Journal we are featuring:

- The Beginner Section is "Internet 101: Meet Your Browser."
- In the Intermediate Section you will learn about creating visual evidence.
- And the Advanced Section discusses domain names and hosting services for your web site.

How Congress Is Dealing With Privacy?

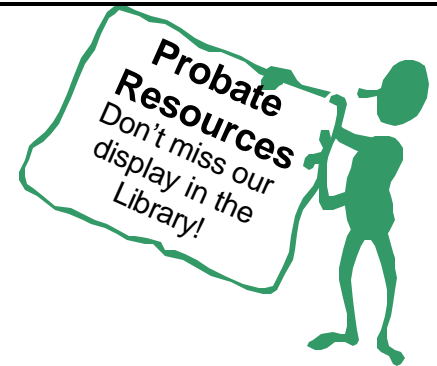
Carol Morrissey's article, "Online Privacy Legislation" illustrates how seriously Congress is taking the implementation of a Privacy Bill. The article, located at <<http://www.llrx.com/congress/030101.htm>> lists the status of pending legislation and contains links to source documents.

"Open Access to the Law: Internet Legal Publishing Transforming the Face of the Legal System"

"Finding the law is the bread and butter of every lawyer in America."¹ Because a lawyer's value is based upon how much he knows about the law, people are beginning to rethink that value, as more legal information becomes available online.

This article discusses the way that Internet legal publishing is transforming the legal system.

¹ Percy, Kumar. "Open Access to the Law: Internet Legal Publishing Transforming the Face of the Legal System." LLRX.com. 19 March 2001. Law Library Resource Xchange, LLC. 19 April 2001. <<http://www.llrx.com/features/internetpublishing.htm>>.



Reliable Free Web Sites for Legal Researchers

In her article, "Annotated Guide to a Select Group of Reliable Free Web Sites for Legal Researchers," Sabrina I. Pacifici highlights 30 sites that provide dependable access to legal information.¹

Her first link, LawyerExpress.com is loaded with links, but for a change, they are not all business.

LawyersExpress is a good site and is worthy of being your browser's home page!

¹ Pacifici, Sabrina I. "Annotated Guide to a Select Group of Reliable Free Web Sites for Legal Researchers." LLRX.com.. 9 April 2001. Law Library Resource Xchange, LLC. 23 April 2001. <http://www.llrx.com/extras/va_cle.htm>

Career Guide For Young Lawyers

The New York Law Journal has launched a new web site, NYLawyer.com. The site, updated daily, is a career guide for young lawyers. It was created for lawyers in NY, but most of the material seems to be universal in nature.

Weekly columns include: Advice for the Lawlorn, Alternative Careers, Law 101, Work/Life Wisdom, and weekly installments of *The Associates*.

It is located at <<http://www.nylawyer.com>>.

**Stark County Law Library
Association**

110 Central Plaza South, Suite 401
Canton, OH 44702
(Located in the Stark County Office
Building, Fourth Floor)

Ph (330) 451-7380
FAX (330) 451-7381

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm

Board of Trustees

John H. Brannen, President	Thomas Connors
Evan W. Morris, Vice-pres.	Hon. Sheila Farmer
John R. Frank, Sec./Treas.	Sam O. Simmerman
	William G. Williams

Law Library Staff

Niki Domenick, Director
Kendel Croston, Assistant Librarian
Carol Hinkel, Paraprofessional Librarian
Robertta Ponting, Bookkeeper
Ben Wertz, File Clerk
Martha Wertz, File Clerk
Ida Pedrotty, File Clerk
Keri Shaffer, File Clerk/Page
Nancy Stinson, File Clerk/Page

**DIAL-IN TO OUR
CATALOG**

With telecommunication
software in place, use these
settings:

Phone number: 451-7379
Baud: 9600
Parity: N
Data bits: 8
Stop bits: 1
Duplex: F,
Login: dialin.
Password: dialin.
Terminal type: VT100

Press enter at main SIRSI screen.
Select Utility: Wsclient
Press BEGIN to start
Choose Library Catalog

For more detailed instructions,
please contact the law library at
(330) 451-7380.

Membership and Fees: Membership
is open to those who have passed the
Ohio State Bar Examination.
First year Bar member...Complimentary
2-5 years as member.....\$5.00
6+ years as member.....\$10.00
Membership checks must be separate
from other payments, please.

Circulation: Most print materials can
be checked out by members for two
weeks. Some items may be taken out
overnight only. You may renew items by
phone.

**Online Databases Available to
members:** Internet (including email),
WestLaw, LEXIS-NEXIS, OPEN, Grateful
Med. Technical support from the staff is
available. Charges vary.

Photocopies: \$.15 each, self-service.
Vending cards may be purchased in any
amount. Microfiche/film copies are also
\$.15 each. Printing from computers is
\$.15 per page.

FAX services for members: Send a fax
for \$.25 per page within our local calling
area, \$.50 outside. Receive free of
charge.

Reference services for members by
phone, fax and email are available.

Inter-library Loan services for
members are available. Charges vary.

Free Training for members on any
electronic service.



LEGALLY SPEAKING

Stark County Law Library Association
110 Central Plaza South, Suite 401
Canton, OH 44702

Ph (330) 451-7380
FAX (330) 451-7381

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO.
669
CANTON, OHIO

**"Every man owes some of his time to the upbuilding
of the profession to which he belongs"**

Theodore Roosevelt